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Continuation

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Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/812,555, filed March 21, 2001,

For (Title):

POWER DISTRIBUTOR FOR A VEHICLE AND PRODUCTION METHOD

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

THEREOF

By (Inventors):

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- \boxtimes A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
- 2. 冈 The filing fee is calculated below:

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x 18	\$0	
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- \boxtimes Check No. 149805 in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is 3. hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
- 4. \boxtimes Application Data Sheet is attached.
- 5. \boxtimes Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-15) are attached.
 - Use Figure

for front page of Publication.

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6.	\boxtimes	Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2000-077550; 2000-096668; and 2000-097187 filed 3/21/00; 3/31/00; and 3/31/00 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).		
	\boxtimes	The certified copies were filed in prior Application No. 09/812,555 on August 17, 2001.		
		A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.		
7.		Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.		
		(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)		
8.		The prior application is assigned of record to 1) Autonetworks Technologies, Ltd., Nagoya, Japan; 2) Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd., Mie, Japan; and 3) Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd., Osaka, Japan, and recorded at Reel 011680, Frame 0021.		
9.		This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:		
10.	\boxtimes	A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.		
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.		
12.		Small entity status:		
		a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.		
		b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.		
13.		Other:		
14.		This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.		
15.		The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560, Paul Tsou, Registration No. 37,956, and/or Eric D. Morehouse, Registration No. 38,565.		
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		b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.		
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